



## **KITIKMEOT INUIT ASSOCIATION PRESS RELEASE**

### **KITIKMEOT INUIT ASSOCIATION SUBSIDIARY ACHIEVES SUCCESS IN FACILITATING DIRECT INUIT ACCESS TO MAJOR FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING PROGRAMS**

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Mr. Charlie Evalik, President of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) is pleased to acknowledge the efforts of its wholly-owned subsidiary Nunavut Resources Corporation (“NRC”) over the past two years in helping to secure changes to the eligibility criteria for accessing the Federal Government’s main infrastructure funding programs. Prior to the recent changes, the programs were unavailable to Inuit organizations that are signatories to Comprehensive Land Claim Agreements with the Government of Canada. This includes Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated, Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Kivalliq Inuit Association, Qikiqtani Inuit Association, Makivik Corporation, the Nunatsiavut Government, and the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation.

The following two major infrastructure programs are now available to Inuit:

- The *New Building Canada Fund*, which includes a \$4-billion National Infrastructure Component for projects of national significance; and
- The \$1.25-billion *PPP Canada Fund* that supports projects structured as public private partnerships

The efforts to secure the changes to the eligibility criteria were spearheaded by Nunavut Resources Corporation (NRC) in its efforts to facilitate major mine-related infrastructure development in the Kitikmeot region of Nunavut. NRC is focused on securing the rewards that accompany significant Inuit equity participation in infrastructure projects, especially infrastructure that supports resource development. Access to these programs will facilitate NRC achieving its mission.

KIA President Evalik stated, “We are very pleased that NRC has been able to play a key role in this initiative over the past two years on KIA’s behalf to a successful conclusion. KIA has devoted a significant amount of time and resources to NRC and it is very satisfying when these sorts of results are achieved for the benefit of all northerners and Inuit, regardless of their territory or province.”

**About the Kitikmeot Inuit Association**

Established in 1976, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association is a non-profit society and is designated as one of the three Regional Inuit Associations created under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*. The KIA represents all Inuit beneficiaries in the five communities and two unincorporated settlements of the Kitikmeot Region. The KIA's mandate is to represent the interests of Kitikmeot Inuit by protecting and promoting their social, cultural, political, environmental and economic well-being

**About the Nunavut Resources Corporation**

Nunavut Resources Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, was established to participate directly in the development of the minerals, oil and gas for the benefit of Inuit, through ownership of resource projects and infrastructure essential to development and in a transparent manner consistent with Inuit values.

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